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June 13, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

FROM: HAROLD H. SAUNDERS

SUBJECT: Message from Ambassador Farland

In the brief message at Tab B Ambassador Farland has confirmed delivery of the President's thank-you note to the Shah asking the Shah to receive Secretary Connally. That is now in the open, and there is nothing more that needs to be done on that score. I shall be sending you separately a briefing memorandum which you could forward to Connally on the subjects which will be discussed with the Shah.

At the end of his telegram, Ambassador Farland asks whether you could summarize for him the salient points of the President's talk with the Shah which concern his operations there. In the draft telegram at Tab A I have tried to do this from what I gather from your debriefing. I have particularly mentioned what we are doing on the military commitments the President made so that Farland will understand the bureaucratic state of play here. I have sent you separately a memorandum to the Secretaries of State and Defense on that subject for your signature.

Recommendations: That you approve the telegram at Tab A for dispatch to Ambassador Farland through the back channel.

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reviews completed.

Approve _____

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TO: AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

FOR: AMBASSADOR FARLAND/EYES ONLY

FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE
HENRY A. KISSINGER

1. Glad to see that Secretary Connally's visit is now openly in the planning stages. We will provide him from this end with background on the President's discussion with the Shah so that he can pick up from that point.

2. Following for your personal background are the main points covered in the President's discussions with the Shah:

a. The President described the background and the purpose of his summit meetings in Peking and Moscow in relation to developments last fall in South Asia and this spring in Vietnam. The President noted that he has no over-expectations about what the summit meetings can be expected to achieve; the Soviets have not changed their overall objectives.

b. The Shah sees the Middle East in danger from increasing Soviet pressures. He cited the fact that Europe will increasingly depend on the Middle East for its oil and that the United States for the first time will begin to take substantial quantities of

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oil from the Middle East. He did not make any proposal specifically related to oil.

c. The Shah stressed the importance of Iranian self-reliance and reiterated his continuing desire for modern weapons. The President was forthcoming in response. Specifically, he committed us in principle to sell F-14 and F-15 aircraft as soon as we are satisfied that these are operationally effective; he agreed to provide laser-guided bombs; he agreed to assign in Iran additional military technicians from the US services to work with the Iranian services. (A memorandum ^{was sent} ~~has been~~ sent to the Secretaries of State and Defense asking Defense to develop a plan for following up on these Presidential commitments. The reply to this memorandum is due June 30.)

d. The Shah described his concerns about the region at some length. He is afraid the Soviets might succeed in establishing a coalition of Kurds, Baathis and Communists in Iraq which would provide a more settled base for the Soviet position. He feels that we should do all we can to help strengthen Turkey which is in a difficult situation right now. He is concerned about

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the weakness of Afghanistan and the pressures for disintegration in West Pakistan and feels that we should do all we can to save West Pakistan. He is concerned about the rebellion in Oman which he sees as being supported by the Communists. And he is deeply concerned about the future of the Saudi regime. e. The Shah is concerned to see some progress made on the Arab-Israeli problem. While recognizing Israeli concern, he feels that the US should urge the Israelis to be more flexible.

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TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER , THE WHITE HOUSE
JUNE 10, 1972

REF: WH 21847

DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS JUNE 12

T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY

1. YOUR MESSAGE JUNE 6 WAS CONVEYED TO HIS IMPERIAL
MAJESTY AT 1700 HRS JUNE 8 WITH UNDERSTANDING ITS CONTENTS
TO BE STRICTLY HELD.

2. SHAH DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF PRESIDENT'S EXPRESSION
OF GRATITUDE FOR HOSPITALITY AND REITERATED HIS PLEASURE
THE THE PRESIDENT COULD ACCEPT IRANIAN COURTESIES.

3. SHAH INDICATED HE WOULD BE RETURNING FROM EUROPE ON
OR ABOUT JUNE 25 AND WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO SECRETARY
CONNALLY'S VISIT, ADDING HE WAS ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS SUBJECTS
SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 2 YOUR MESSAGE.

4. NEW SUBJECT: IN ORDER MAKE MY CONVERSATIONS WITH
SHAH MORE FRUITFUL AND FACILITATE MEANINGFUL MOVEMENT ON
MATTERS WHICH WERE MENTIONED BRIEFLY PRIOR YOU EMBARKATION
FROM MEHRABAD AIRPORT, WOULD APPRECIATE SUMMARY SALIENT
POINTS OF SHAH-NIXON CONVERSATION WHICH CONCERN MY
OPERATION HERE. BEST REGARDS

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